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EUROPE

2. YUGOSLAVIA: Tito's position in the event of war--US

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Embassy Belgrade reports that Marshal Tito, [redacted]

[redacted] declared that: (a) the Yugoslav breach with the USSR can be closed only if the USSR admits its error; (b) an East-West war is improbable because the USSR would not start one; (c) the Yugoslav position in such a war would depend on who started it and the "circumstances at that time". [redacted] received the definite impression that Tito would maintain Yugoslav neutrality "if it were possible for him to do so."

NEAR EAST-AFRICA

3. PALESTINE: Necessity for aid to Arab refugees stressed--
US Ambassador Griffis in Cairo has learned from an

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[redacted] that the Arab refugees have received substantially no food or goods from international sources. Griffis also reports that the relief organization set up by the UN Mediator has apparently been unable to obtain funds from the UN. Griffis says that Arab League leaders have declared their unwillingness to negotiate over the Bernadotte plan until the Jews permit the refugees to return to their homes.

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3. CHINA: Communists plan pincer against Hsuehou -- According to the US Military Attache in Nanking, Chinese Nationalist forces claim to have captured Communist documents revealing plans for a Communist pincer operation designed to isolate and capture the city of Hsuehou. The MA believes that Government forces are incapable of preventing a Communist breakthrough and have no plan other than to defend along present lines. The MA also reports further Communist gains in the strategic Manchurian corridor by the capture of Ihsien and the destruction of the airfield at Chihhsien.

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(CIA Comment: CIA believes that the Nationalist Armies have exhausted their reserves and are so weakened that they will be unable to withstand a major Communist onslaught in the Chenghsien-Hsuehou section. A major Nationalist defeat at Hsuehou, the last Nationalist stronghold between the Communists and Nanking, would probably precipitate a Nationalist military collapse.)

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